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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination thereof in the manner indicated below.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
(37 C.F.R. §1.111)

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 3-7 to eliminate multi-dependent claims and to render the claims consistent with US practice.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the abstract with the enclosed. The abstract is being substituted from the original translation in order to render it in one paragraph form with less than 150 words.